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Fact Sheet Update 2

Task Force Wisconsin

Current information about National Guard units that currently make up TF Wisconsin. New or updated information since previous update is highlighted in yellow.

Missions underway or units enroute

Headquarters, 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Milwaukee — Command cell of four soldiers departed Madison at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, for England Airpark, near Alexandria, La. Wisconsin Army Guard Col. Dominic Cariello is task force commander. Command cell now located at Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La.

Detachment 52, Operational Support Airlift Command, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Madison — two air crewmen and one C-26 aircraft, provided air transportation support to task force units Thursday afternoon, when the command cell was flown to England Airpark, La. Aircraft returned to home station.

115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Madison, four air crewmen and one RC-26 reconnaissance aircraft supporting search and rescue operations for the Louisiana Emergency Management and also has supported New Orleans P.D.. Operating missions in Gulf region since Thursday, Sept. 1. Aircraft currently operating from Ellington Field, Houston, Texas.

54th Civil Support Team, Wisconsin National Guard (a joint Army-Air unit), Madison — six soldiers departed Madison Friday morning, Sept. 2. Now located at NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La.

128th Air Refueling Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Milwaukee — three KC-135R aircraft and about a dozen aircrew members. Transported Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard military police forces to Louisiana mid-afternoon on Sept. 2. Prepared to support future air transportation operations as ordered.

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32nd Military Police Company, Wisconsin Army National Guard, headquartered in Milwaukee with a detachment in Madison — 44 soldiers to provide law enforcement support. Departed Truax Field, Madison, on two Wisconsin Air National Guard KC-135R aircraft from Milwaukee's 128th Air Refueling Wing at about 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and had arrived at NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La., Friday evening. Eight wheeled vehicles are being carried with one of the ground convoys that left Saturday. MPs conducted installation security mission at Belle Chasse and has also provided security at a refinery.

115th Security Forces Squadron, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Madison — 12 airmen blended with 32nd Military Police Company soldiers and are operating as a single element to provide law enforcement support. Departed Truax Field, Madison, on one Wisconsin Air National Guard KC-135R aircraft from Milwaukee's 128th Air Refueling Wing at about 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and had arrived at NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La., Friday evening.

64th Rear Operations Center (ROC), Wisconsin Army National Guard, Monroe — 33 soldiers to provide command and control support. Unit departed Monroe at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, for England Airpark, La. Convoy includes 12 wheeled vehicles and a trailer-mounted 30 kw generator. **Now located at NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La.**

832nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Wisconsin Army National Guard, West Bend — 30 soldiers and 3 UH-1 Huey helicopters, to provide medical evacuation and/or general aviation support, prepared to depart since 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Helicopters departed West Bend by air at around 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and **arrived at Hammond, La., by early Saturday evening (original destination of NAS New Orleans changed while aircraft were enroute)**, then moved forward to NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La., where they have been since Sunday. The unit's supporting ground equipment (consisting of about six cargo trucks) joined the 1157th Transportation Company convoy in the Madison area Saturday, Sept. 3, **and was closing on Alexandria, La., Monday night.**

1st Battalion, 147th Aviation, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Madison — 20 soldiers and 2 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to provide general aviation support, prepared to depart since 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Helicopters departed Madison by air at around 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, and **arrived at Hammond, La., by early Saturday evening (original destination of England Airpark, La., changed while the aircraft were enroute)**, then moved forward to NAS New Orleans, Belle Chasse, La., where they have been since Sunday. The unit's supporting ground equipment (consisting of one fuel tanker, two cargo trucks and one maintenance contact truck) joined the 1157th Transportation Company convoy in the Madison area Saturday, Sept. 3.

1157th Transportation Company, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Oshkosh — 107 soldiers and 60 vehicles. Mission is to provide transportation support. Unit departed Oshkosh by convoy in two elements Saturday morning, Sept. 3. Convoy includes 47 5-ton cargo trucks, 10 tractor trailers, two 2-1/2 ton cargo trucks and one wrecker. **Convoy was closing on Alexandria, La., Monday night and first serial arrived at England Airpark at approximately 9:00 p.m.**

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Company A, 132nd Support Battalion, Army National Guard, headquartered in Janesville with detachments in Eau Claire and Waupaca — 192 soldiers and 68 vehicles (including some personnel and equipment from the battalion's Headquarters Company, Company B and Company C). Mission is to provide transportation support. The unit departed Janesville by convoy in two elements Saturday, Sept. 3. The first element departed at around 8:30 a.m., the second element one hour later at about 9:30 a.m. Convoy includes 25 5-ton cargo trucks, 12 tractor trailers, 22 1-1/4 ton cargo trucks, along with other vehicles including fuel tankers, 2-1/2 ton cargo trucks, ambulances, and a wrecker. First convoy serial arrived at England Airpark, Alexandria, La., Monday, Sept. 5 at around 6:30 p.m.

Awaiting missions

128th Air Control Squadron, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Camp Douglas — About 60 airmen prepared to move within 24 hours after receiving a mission and movement order. Potential missions include communication support, power generation or mobile radar operations to support air traffic control systems.

128th Air Refueling Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Milwaukee — 48 personnel on duty in federal status to support the unit's KC-135R aircraft and potential airlift missions which may be requested and/or directed.

Summary Data

Total number of Wisconsin National Guard personnel with missions already underway, enroute to area of operations (AO) or with deployment currently scheduled is about 450. Another 60 airmen are prepared to deploy after receiving a mission and movement order. Most personnel assigned to TF Wisconsin are on State Active Duty, however some personnel supporting the task force are on Title 32 status.

About 185 wheeled vehicles took part in convoys to Louisiana. A smaller number of light wheeled vehicles and all-terrain vehicles were airlifted to the region.

Aircraft involved in providing direct support in the AO will be five helicopters (three UH-1 Hueys and two UH-60 Black Hawks) and one RC-26 fixed-wing reconnaissance aircraft.

Aircraft involved in indirect support (such as transportation of personnel and equipment) include three KC-135 tankers, one UH-60 helicopter and one C-26 passenger aircraft.

In addition, the Wisconsin National Guard operations center is staffed around the clock beginning Friday, Sept. 2 until further notice.

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